

THE EYE OF THE WORLD IS ON TAMPA.

BLOODIEST EPISODE
FAR EASTERN WARFighting Between the Shakhe
River and Yantai.

SLEEPING SOLDIERS BAYONETED

Most Desperate and Sanguinary
Grows Eastern War—St. Petersburg
In Great Suspense—Believed Kuro-
patkin's Advance Disastrous.

Mukden, Oct. 17.—One of the bloodiest episodes of the desperate fighting between the Shakhe river and Yantai during the last three days occurred at the village of Endotina, west of the railroad, and on the neighboring heights, east of the railway. The Japanese had been driven out of those positions with terrible losses, but on Oct. 13 they continued such a murderous artillery fire that it became necessary for the Russians to withdraw the railroad, however, being held.

The same evening the Russian commander gave imperative orders to re-occupy Endotina. The Zaraisk regiment without firing a single shot, marched under cover of the darkness and bayoneted several battalions of the Japanese, many of whom died as they slept. A few Japanese escaped and sought shelter in stacks of Chinese corn, but the Russians carried away by the frenzy of revenge, rushed upon the survivors and literally tore up their bodies with bayonets. The Russians then rolled themselves in the Japanese blankets.

The next morning the Japanese again shelled out the regiment while their artillery came on at a run and secured a position east of the railroad. Again General Kuropatkin ordered the Russians to retake the position, but the efforts of his troops were in vain. The Russians could not reach the Japanese trenches, so withering was the Japanese fire, and only a few returned to where the men charged from.

In some cases the companies were commanded by sergeants after the higher officers had fallen.

One officer, his face streaming with blood, limped up to a general, who was furious:

"Where is your company," asked the general.

"This is all that is left of it," replied the officer.

The artillery fight Wednesday was "it was like a slaughter house," the furthest of the war. The Japanese handled their guns superbly and chose splendid positions.

Their guns seemed to have every range measured. They would concentrate the fire of two hundred guns first on one place and then on another. Some of the Russian regiments were literally shot to pieces. The bombardment reached a climax at 5 p. m., when the Japanese tried to envelope and break through the Russian left wing.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 15—5:22 p. m.—The silence of the Russian authorities at this critical hour is heart-breaking for the public.

Not a single official word has been given out to relieve the suspense and anxiety for over 24 hours, and the public is convinced that it can only mean that General Kuropatkin's world-proclaimed advance has ended in complete disaster with such frightful losses that they will stagger Russia, even after Liao Yang. Most circum-

stantial stories, attributed to combat circles, are told of the failure of the Russian left, from where Kuropatkin aimed his chief blow. The Russian commander is stated to have had two and a half army corps there, with one and a half corps in reserve and they are said to have been beaten and thrown into a state of confusion bordering on a rout, it being now only a question of the magnitude of the defeat. According to these stories, Kuropatkin was really fainting on his front, having only three corps with one general in reserve along the whole center and right.

MILITARY ACTIVITY.

Russian Railroads Disorganized by
War Traffic.

New York, Oct. 17.—Correspondents report that military activity is everywhere noticeable in southern Russia, says a Times dispatch from London. The military transport authorities estimate that the through carrying capacity of the Siberian railway during the next six months will be 35,000 men and the necessary stores. On that basis Russia would be able by a plan to detain in Manchuria the last contingents of 150,000 men from European Russia, or 200,000 men, if the transport of general supplies could be temporarily reduced.

Hiding in the Swamps.

Macon, Ga., Oct. 17.—Charged with the murder of Louis Dillard, an old negro blacksmith, of South Macon, John Tucker and Matt Altman, two white men, are hiding out in the swamps about 8 miles from Macon. As soon as the negro died at the city hospital as the result of a blow over the head with a wagon axle, a coroner's inquest was held, and the death was charged to Tucker, Altman being implicated as accessory. Dillard was a negro blacksmith, well liked and respected in South Macon. Until he died it was thought Tucker and Altman would surrender themselves to the authorities, but now that he is dead it is hardly thought they will show up in some time. The deputies of the sheriff's office are making every effort to arrest them.

Telephone Girls on Strike.

Portland, Ore., Oct. 17.—About 150 telephone girls have quit work in the general offices of the Pacific States Telephone company here completely tying up the telephone system of the city.

Schooner Wrecked; Three Perish.

Highland Light, Mass., Oct. 17.—The 3-masted schooner Elwood Burton, Captain William, was wrecked on Peaked Hill bar during the night and the captain and two seamen perished. The mate and two other sailors were rescued from floating wreckage.

Meeting of Importance.

Pittsburg, Oct. 17.—A meeting, seemingly of great importance to iron and steel interests, has been held here. Heads of all of the United States Steel corporation subsidiary departments were present from various parts of the country. For two hours the steel manufacturers discussed matters and from one of the conferees it was learned that the strikes at Youngstown, O., were the principal topics. Nothing was given out, but it is said that the fight will be continued.

CALLS FOR VOLUNTEERS.

German Government Regards Situation as Serious.

Berlin, Oct. 17.—The government evidently regards the situation in South Africa as increasingly serious, owing to the Witbois outbreak.

A circular has been sent to the soldiers of the reserve in Berlin asking for a large number of volunteers for service in Southwest Africa, especially artillerymen and men belonging to other technical arms. The circular indicates the probability of heavy reinforcements being sent to Southwest Africa.

Later it was announced that cable communication with Swakopmund cables that it is reported that the Gochas and Hottentots have joined in the insurrection.

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DAVIS ITINERARY.

Speech-Making Tour of Candidate for
the Vice Presidency.

Elwood, W. Va., Oct. 17.—Henry G. Davis, accompanied by Senator Daniel and W. C. Daly, a local speaker, left Parkersburg early this morning for Ripley, a place off the main line of the road, where a rally was held. The candidate rejoins his party of campaigners this afternoon at Point Pleasant.

At Ravenswood Mr. Davis was cordially received by a large gathering. Both he and Senator Daniel made brief speeches. The orators accompanying Mr. Davis continued the regular itinerary today, touching at the towns between Parkersburg and Huntington, where the rally is to be held tonight and where the Davis special is to remain over Sunday.

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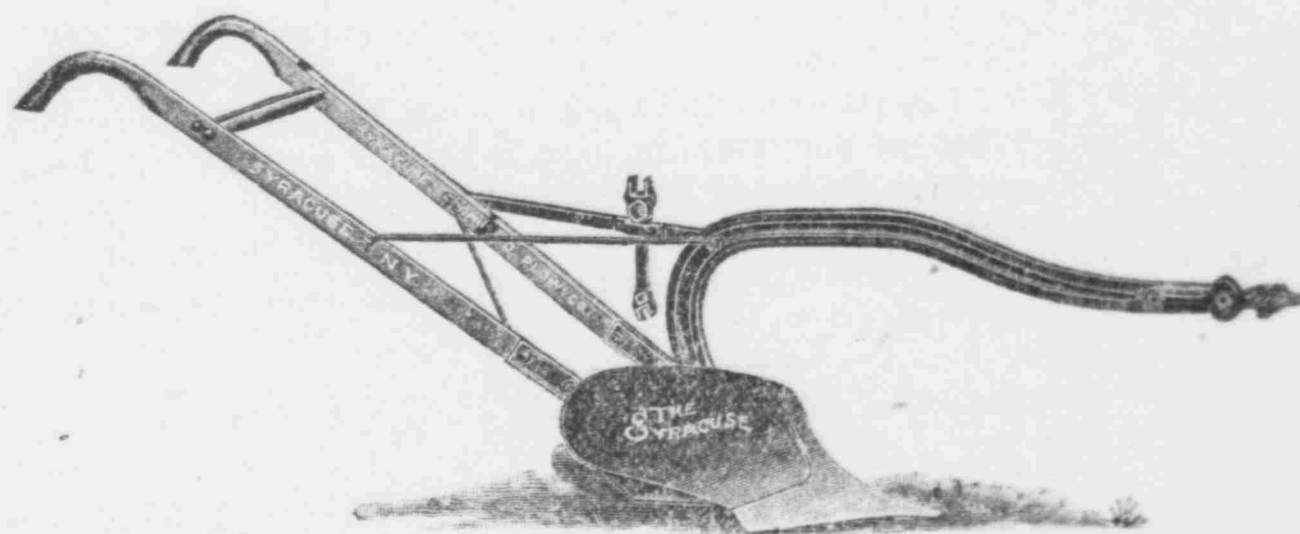
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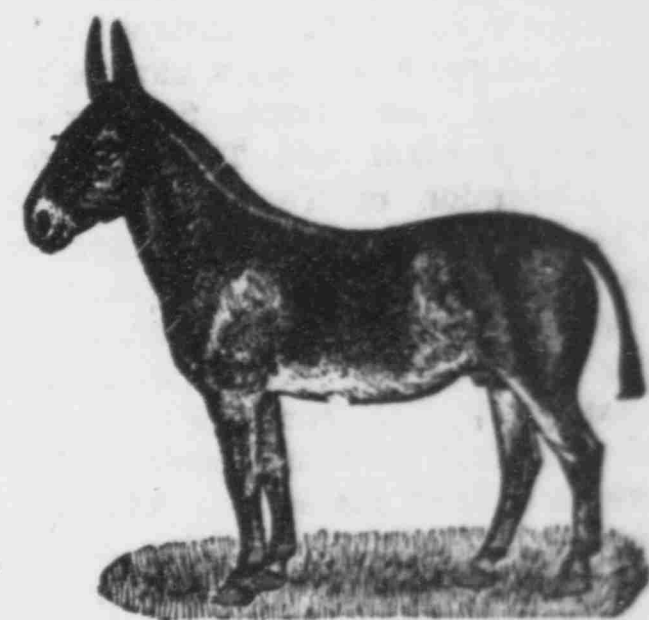
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